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In the claims

1. **(Currently amended)** A therapeutic garment system for use on a mammalian body, comprising:

elasticized wrap-around first upper-torso and second lower-torso garments for donning and releasably securing in a close-fitting fashion at generally different areas of the body;

each of said [torso] garments comprising an outwardly facing surface at least a portion of which is adapted for accepting an area of releasable fasteners, and an under-layer having an inwardly facing surface to resist slippage when donned; and

a plurality of separate elasticized pieces, each of said separate pieces comprising at least one of said areas of releasable fasteners for application of said piece onto any said portion of said outwardly facing surfaces;

wherein said area of releasable fasteners of at least a first of said elasticized pieces releasably applied, utilizing said fasteners, against said portion of said outwardly facing surface of at least one of said first and second [[torso]] garment[[s]], interconnects said first elasticized piece with said first and second garments in an operative therapeutic configuration.

2. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 1 further comprising an elasticized limb garment for donning and releasably securing in a close-~~[[filling]]~~fitting fashion; said limb garment comprising an under-layer having an inwardly facing surface to resist slippage and sized for wrapping around any portion of a limb of the body selected from the group consisting of an arm, a shoulder, a hand, a leg, a hip, a foot, and a head; and wherein ~~at least a portion~~ said area of releasable fasteners of a second one of said elasticized pieces is releasably ~~[[further]]~~ applied to an outwardly facing surface of said limb garment and to said portion of said outwardly facing surface of either said first or second garment.

3. **(Original)** The garment system of Claim 2 wherein said elasticized limb garment is selected from the group consisting of: a shoulder wrap, an upper-arm cuff, an elbow cuff, a forearm-area cuff, a wrist wrap, a hand sleeve wrap, an upper-leg cuff, a knee cuff, a shin-calf area cuff, an ankle wrap, a foot wrap, and a head cap; and wherein each said elasticized piece has

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a shape selected from the group consisting of a generally linear-elongated strap and an at least partially split-strap configuration having a first and second extension.

4. **(Currently amended)** A therapeutic garment system for use on a mammalian body, comprising:

elasticized wrap-around upper-torso and lower-torso garments for donning and releasably securing in a close-fitting fashion;

each of said torso garments comprising an outwardly facing surface adapted for accepting an area of releasable fasteners, and an under-layer having an inwardly facing surface to resist slippage when donned;

a plurality of elasticized pieces releasably applied, utilizing said area of releasable fasteners, against said outwardly facing surface of at least one of said torso garments in an operative therapeutic configuration; and

~~The garment system of Claim 1 wherein: said upper-torso garment further comprises front and back panels releasably secured at each of a shoulder area of said panels and at each of a right and left side of said panels; and size tailoring indicia extending along, in offset proximity to, at least a portion of a perimeter of said front panel; and said releasable fasteners are selected from the group consisting of: an area having tiny flexible hooks for engagement with mating loop fabric; an area comprising an array of snaps; an area comprising an array of D-rings; an area comprising an array of small buckles; and an area comprising an array of hook and eye enclosures.~~

5. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 1 wherein: said second garment is a lower-torso garment and further comprises right-side and left-side panels; each said panel comprises a waistband portion having a first and second end, said waistband portion interconnected with a thigh-wrap portion having a lower perimeter, with size-tailoring indicia extending along, in proximity and offset, at least a portion of said lower perimeter; and said first waistband ends are adapted to be releasably secured in the body front, and said second waistband ends are adapted to be releasably secured in the body back.

6. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 1 further comprising a plurality of position markers adapted for application to any of said outwardly facing surfaces for marking a location for re-donning said respective garment once initially fit to the body in said close-fitting

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fashion; said position markers further adapted for marking said configuration of said elasticized pieces for re-application; and wherein said area of releasable fasteners of a second of said elasticized pieces is releasably applied against said portion of said outwardly facing surface of each said first and second garments. interconnecting said second elasticized piece with said garments.

7. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said elasticized pieces comprises an at least partially split-strap configuration having a first and second extension, said area of releasable fasteners of said split-strap piece is comprised of a first and second region of releasable fasteners, said first extension comprises said first region and said second extension comprises said second region; and said split-strap elasticized piece is adapted for application to at least one of said outwardly facing surfaces by utilizing ~~at least one of said fasteners~~ said first and second region of releasable fasteners respectively located at each of an end of said first and second extensions.

8. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 7 further comprising, opposite said first and second extensions, a third and fourth extension, with said area of releasable fasteners of said split-strap piece further comprising a third and fourth region of releasable fasteners, said third extension comprising said third region and said fourth extension comprising said fourth region; and wherein said split-strap elasticized piece is further adapted for application to at least one of said outwardly facing surfaces by utilizing ~~at least one of said fasteners~~ said third and fourth region of releasable fasteners respectively located at each of an end of said third and fourth extensions.

9. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 1 operatively donned in said close-fitting fashion, and wherein: said outwardly facing surface of each said ~~[[terse]]~~ garments comprises a woven fabric; said area of releasable fasteners each comprises an area having tiny flexible hooks for engagement with mating loop fabric; said under-layer comprises a polyether-polyurethane foam lining; and each of said elasticized pieces comprises a foam-lined woven fabric, an outer surface of which is adapted for accepting said area of releasable fasteners of another of said plurality of elasticized pieces such that said pieces may overlap in said operative therapeutic configuration .

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said area of releasable fasteners of at least a first of said elasticized pieces releasably applied, ~~utilizing said fasteners~~, against said outwardly facing surface of each of said garments in an operative therapeutic configuration ~~operatively~~ interconnecting said garments.

13. **(Currently amended)** The garment system of Claim 12 wherein: said elasticized ~~[[limb]]~~ second garment is selected from the group consisting of a shoulder wrap, an upper-arm cuff, an elbow cuff, a forearm-area cuff, a wrist wrap, a hand sleeve wrap, an upper-leg cuff, a knee cuff, a shin-calf area cuff, an ankle wrap, a foot wrap, and a head cap; said elasticized wrap-around ~~[[torso]]~~ first garment is selected from the group consisting of an upper-torso garment, a lower-torso garment, and a full-torso garment; and said area of releasable fasteners of said first elasticized piece is comprised of a first and second region of releasable fasteners generally located ~~said fasteners are utilized~~ at each of an end of ~~[[each]]~~ said first elasticized piece for said application against said outwardly facing surfaces.

14. **(Original)** The garment system of Claim 12 wherein: each said elasticized piece has a shape selected from the group consisting of a generally linear-elongated strap and an at least partially split-strap configuration having a first and second extension; and said configuration operatively interconnecting said garments addresses an objective selected from the group consisting of: improve body posture by postural retraining; improve balance control of the body; improve movement control of the body; assist in body neuromotor re-education; assist in skeletal modeling of the body; support an injured area of the body; promote movement of at least a part of the body for athletic performance enhancement; assist in maintaining muscle tone by applying elasticized resistance to movement of a part of the body when in an environment wherein an effect from a gravitational force is less than the gravitational effects experienced on Earth; assist in stabilizing a joint of the body; and assist in maintaining, in a positional relationship to the body, a topically-applied therapeutic device.

15 – 19. (Withdrawn, herein, but not yet cancelled)

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25. (New) The garment system of Claim 1 wherein: said second garment is a lower-torso garment comprising a waistband portion having a first and second end, said waistband portion interconnected with a thigh-wrap portion, said waistband ends adapted to be releasably secured in the body front; and said first of said elasticized piece comprises a foam-lined knitted fabric, an outer surface of which is adapted for accepting said area of releasable fasteners of another of said plurality of elasticized pieces.

26. (New) The garment system of Claim 1 wherein: said portion adapted for accepting said area of releasable fasteners substantially covers the whole of said outwardly facing surface of said first and second garments; and said area of releasable fasteners of said first elasticized piece is comprised of a first and second region of releasable fasteners.

27. (New) The garment system of Claim 12 operatively donned in said therapeutic configuration wherein: said area of releasable fasteners of said first elasticized piece is comprised of a first and second region of releasable fasteners; said first region releasably applied against said outwardly facing surface of said first garment and said second region releasably applied against said outwardly facing surface of said second garment.

28. (New) The garment system of Claim 13 wherein: said first garment comprises said lower-torso garment and is donned around a lower-torso of the body by pulling over and around said lower-torso; and said second garment is donned by pulling said second garment around a portion of a limb of the body selected from the group consisting of an arm, a shoulder, a hand, a leg, a hip, a foot, and a head.